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COMPATIBILITY DETERMINATION FOR HAYING/GRAZING AVAILABLE FOR  
REVIEW, PORT LOUISA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge announces that draft compatibility determinations assessing the use of haying and grazing on refuge lands are available for public review and comment. Refuge lands occur in Louisa, Benton, Iowa, and Tama Counties, Iowa. The compatibility determinations assess whether haying and grazing are compatible with refuge purposes.

Haying and grazing may be used to manage grassland habitat on the refuge and is typically done with local cooperators. Grazing, under a defined management plan, can be beneficial for controlling invasive plants and rejuvenating native grasslands. Haying is also used to maintain fire breaks for prescribed burning.

Compatibility determinations will be available for public review for a 14-day period beginning February 10, 2014. Copies are available at the refuge office located at 10728 County Road X61, Wapello, Iowa 52653. The documents are also available at the library in Wapello, Iowa and on the internet at [http://www.fws.gov/refuge/port\\_louisa](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/port_louisa). Comments may be sent to the refuge office at the above address or emailed to [cathy\\_henry@fws.gov](mailto:cathy_henry@fws.gov). Refuge office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please contact Cathy Henry at 319-523-6982 for more information.

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